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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE STUDENTS AND REFUGEES

REF TOKYO 6058

1. NAKAMURA, CULTURAL DIVISION, MFA IS IN WASHINGTON
ATTENDING NAFSA CONVENTION AND CALLED AT DEPT TO LEARN
WHAT USG IS DOING ABOUT VIETNAMESE STUDENTS IN US.

2. DEPT OFF EXPLAINED THAT VIETNAMESE STUDENTS IN US
WOULD BE PERMITTED TO REMAIN IF THEY WISHED AND WOULD BE
PERMITTED TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT AS NECESSARY. DEPT OFF ALSO
SAID STUDENTS ON USG-FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS WILL CONTINUE TO
RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO EXTENT POSSIBLE UNDER
RELEVANT LEGISLATION. WE HAVE HAD NO OFFICIAL REQUESTS FOR
USG SUPPORT FOR OTHER STUDENTS, IN PART BECAUSE LOCAL
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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ARE HELPING.

3. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTIONS NAKAMURA WAS INFORMED THAT VIETNAMESE STUDENTS IN JAPAN WHO WISH TO GO TO US COULD DO SO ONLY THROUGH NORMAL IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES. ON QUESTION OF IMMIGRATION OF GVN AND CAMBODIAN DIPLOMATS DEPT OFF EXPLAINED POLICY REFLECTED IN REFTELS B AND C AND SUGGESTED THAT GOJ MIGHT WISH CONSIDER APPROACHING UNHCR FOR ASSISTANCE FOR DIPLOMATS AND STUDENTS IN JAPAN. UNHCR COULD ALSO BE OF ASSISTANCE IF, AS NAKAMURA SURMISED, SOME STUDENTS WISH TO RETURN TO VIET NAM.

4. NAKAMURA STATED GOJ NOT RPT NOT CONSIDERING FORCIBLE REPATRIATION OF ANY VIETNAMESE IN JAPAN AND IS STILL CONSIDERING POLICY TO DEAL WITH SITUATION.

5. NAKAMURA EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PROTOCOL ON REFUGEES AND WAS GIVEN COPY. DEPT OFF EXPLAINED THAT USG VIEWS PROTOCOL AS AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED NORM OF ACTION FOR COUNTRIES OF FIRST REFUGE. KISSINGER

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